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REMARKS

Status of the Application:

Claims 1–72 are the claims of record of the application. Claims 1–14, 16–21, 23, 26–39 and 42-72, have been rejected and claims 15, 22, 24, 25,40 and 41 have been objected to and would be allowable if written in independent form.

Amendment to the Claims:

Applicants have amended the claims to cancel all the claims that were rejected. Of the remaining claims, Applicants have further amended the objected-to (non-cancelled) claims to remove the informalities pointed out by the examiner and also to write them in independent form to bring them to a condition of allowability. Any informalities noted in the base and/or intervening claims have also been corrected.

Allowable Subject Matter and Conclusion

Claims 15, 22, 24, 25, 40 and 41 are the remaining claims, and, per paragraph 26 of the Office Action, are now allowable since they were rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Allowance of these claims is therefore requested.

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If the Examiner has any questions or comments that would advance the prosecution and allowance of this application, an email message to the undersigned at dov@inventek.com, or a telephone call to the undersigned at +1-510-547-3378 is requested.

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